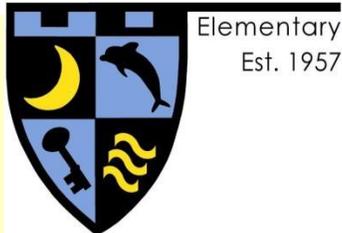


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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 4/9 - PTA Meeting, 8:30 am, MPR, Dr. Cherniss to attend
- ◆ 4/10 - Safety Drill, School-wide evacuation
- ◆ 4/12 - Flag Salute
- ◆ 4/12 - Dr. Cherniss to visit classrooms
- ◆ 4/15-5/10, CAASPP Testing
- ◆ 4/19 - 2nd Grade Field Trip, Natural History Museum
- ◆ 4/22-26 - Earth Week
- ◆ 4/23, Kinder Fine Arts Culmination, Parent Show 10:30-11:30 am
- ◆ Spring Brass/Woodwinds Performance 2-3pm

Principal's Message

This is an exciting time for everyone at Lunada Bay Elementary School! As you may already know, we, along with all other schools in Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, and thousands of schools across the United States, will participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Students in Grade 3 through Grade 5 will be taking the CAASPP and students in Grade 5 will also be further tested in science.

The tests will be given from April 15 through May 10, during this testing window students will only be testing two days of the week, with a third day reserved for make-ups.

The tests include many different types of questions that allow students to interact with the test questions. The California Assessments of Student Performance and Progress are intended to provide an academic checkup by measuring real-world skills, such as critical thinking and problem solving, along with a student's proficiency in grade level standard subjects. These assessments are computer-adaptive and untimed.

Students have had exposure to practice tests to learn the format and online tools available within the tests. I encourage you to experience the test software platform and sample test questions yourselves by taking the practice at <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>.

I will be meeting individually with each child who is taking the CAASPP. I will be reminding these students how special they are, and to not worry about the test. I want all our students to believe in themselves and enjoy this opportunity to demonstrate how amazing and proficient they truly are!

Please make sure your child gets a good night of sleep and arrives to school on time.

Beyond that, I wanted to note that April is "National Poetry Month." National Poetry Month was established in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets and was - and is - intended to increase our awareness of and appreciation for poetry.

We are sometimes at risk, especially in this era of high technology, of overlooking the importance of the liberal arts

Principal's Message (cont.)



[Please click link for new Lunada Bay Elementary School video.](#)

to our children's education. Not everyone will become an accomplished poet, but everyone can learn to appreciate poetry and the love of language and symbolism that comes with it. Poetry opens a window into the lives and hearts of others that no other artistic endeavor exactly duplicates.

It is perhaps difficult to see the poetry in assessment exams, but rest assured that the habits of mind we inculcate in our students not only help them achieve in standardized testing, but also impress on them the importance of liberal arts, including poetry.

Poetry, among other things, inspires the best in us. I will

close this newsletter with a short poem by the American poet Edwin Markham, who incidentally spent his childhood and early career in California. The poem may be familiar to many of you - I quote it in part because it encapsulates in very few words, as only good poetry can do, part of what we try to achieve at Lunada Bay Elementary School:

He drew a circle that shut me out -
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in!

- "Outwitted," Edwin Markham

Enjoy April!

Thank you,
Rafael Bernal
Principal



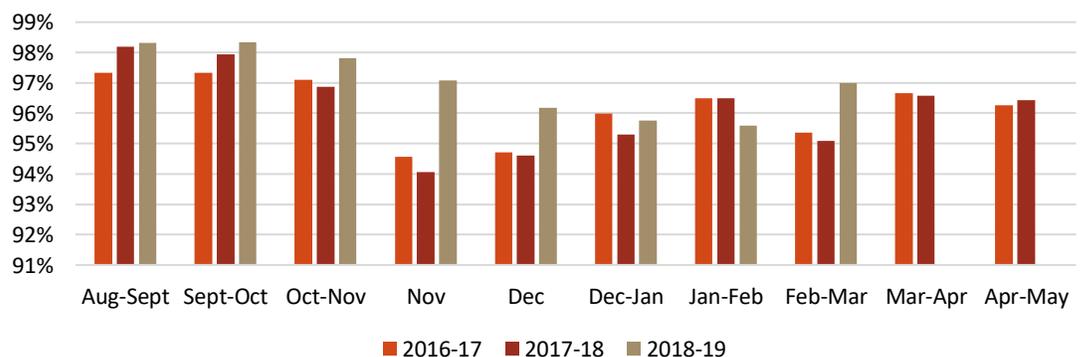
Attendance

Below is a 3-year comparison of our monthly attendance.

Thank you for all your efforts in getting your children to school on time every day!

Let's finish the year strong and continue to send your children to school on time unless there is a valid reason for absence or tardiness.

Monthly Attendance Rate



Please note that previous years Nov was combined with Dec, this year Nov is separate.

Special message from the Principal and our PTA President



Rendering of new furniture to go in STEM lab.

We would like to express our sincere thanks for supporting the 15th annual Lunada Bay PTA parent-school fundraiser.

We are very excited to announce that we exceeded our goal of \$65,000 to fund our Fine Arts Program as well as our new STEM Lab, thanks to your generous support!

Silent auction and live auction donations from our dedicated and generous parents definitely made our parent fundraiser successful and enjoyable. We are truly grateful to those who were able to donate and/or purchase something through the fundraiser. We also want to thank all of those parents who participated in the auction process, as well as families who gave generously during the paddle raise component of the event.

Because of these donations, we will be able to purchase furniture, technology and software to build our state-of-the-art, first-of-its-kind, STEM lab in the entire Palos Verdes school district. We will also be able to continue funding our school's Variety Show, Earth Week, International Day, Science Field Day, Assemblies, Field Trips, the Library and much more.

As you know, the PTA spends more than \$500 per student each year investing in these programs that provide a quality education for our students. Without your commitment and generosity, we could not carry on these important educational initiatives for our students.

Thank you again for rallying around our school and we look forward to your continued support next year.



LUNADA BAY ELEMENTARY
STEM LAB

[Click link for STEM Lab preview video](#)

Traffic

Please do not park in the loading zone located on Via Alvarado. This is where the school bus drops off students and access to the gate is important for student safety.

The area in front of the kindergarten classrooms on Paseo Lunado is a loading and unloading zone. Please take note of the loading zone times and adhere to the restrictions.

Please adhere to all traffic laws, including parking or waiting in front of fire hydrants and red zones.

PVEPD will continue issuing parking citations and moving violations for illegal U-Turns.

Your cooperation following all traffic laws will help ensure the safety of all our students. Thank you for your assistance.



Staff Spotlight



EARTH WEEK APRIL 22-26

Monday: Meatless Monday-encourage students to have meatless meals, refer to websites/recipes for suggestions, raffle tickets and prizes given to those who bring a meatless lunch

Earth Exchange after school in MPR. Families will bring clothes, books, shoes, games, anything they want to swap starting April 19th. After school families can come into the MPR. We will donate what is left over.

Tuesday: Trash free Tuesday. Students will give out raffle tickets to those with a trash free lunch and have a drawing for a reusable snack bag.

Wednesday: Walk to School Wednesday: Wear crazy socks and meet up at a designated spot for the walking school bus.

Thursday: Throwback Thursday: We are going old school and trying not to use technology. No cell phones, limit screen time, listen to the radio, use a land line, play board games.

Friday: Festival
12:50-1:50- K-2nd
1:55-2:55-3rd-5th



Q: What is your job at Lunada Bay?

A: I am a Yard Supervisor but I also help out in the Learning Center. I have been a year and love working here.

Q: What's the best thing about working at Lunada Bay?

A: This school is truly a family and I love how close we can all be!

Q: If you could pass on any wisdom to students, what would you share?

A: Don't worry about making mistakes, we all make them.

Q: What's a school sport or activity you enjoy watching?

A: I really enjoy watching soccer. It's a fast and exciting sport. I like watching the students pick teams and playing with other students they might not usually play with. They show great sportsmanship.

Q: What is one of your hidden talents?

A: I'm a pretty good baker.

Q: What are some pets you've had or would like to own?

A: I grew up owning a little dog but now I would love to own a big one, like a Pit Bull or Great Dane. They look scary but they are the sweetest animals.

Q: What is your dream vacation?

A: I have always wanted to take a cruise through the Norwegian Fiords. It's absolutely beautiful.

Q: How do you spend your summer breaks?

A: My birthday is in summer so I usually spend it with family and friends and take a vacation to Big Bear Lake.

Q: What other Fun Fact would you like to share about yourself?

A: Fun fact: I share my birthday with my sister and husband. All of us were born July 6th, but they are both one year older than me.

Q: What are your must-have smartphone apps?

A: I definitely need the Starbucks app and Amazon app. They are my life!

**Katrina
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